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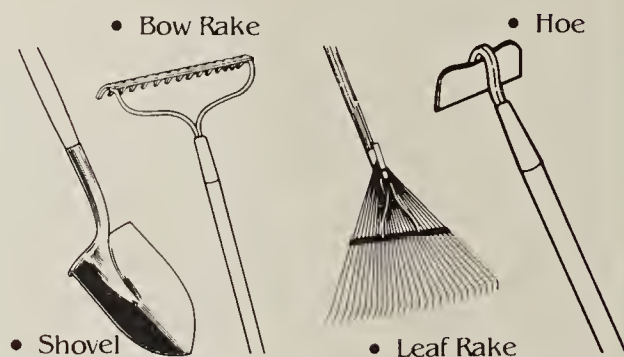
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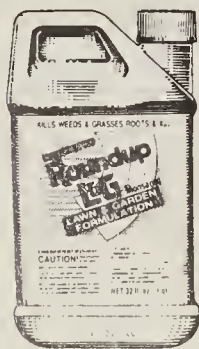
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Farm Crisis: Facing "Unpleasant Truths"

This editorial was written by Paul Wesslund, manager of statewide publications services for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

The farm crisis seems to have been around long enough to be thought of as the farm situation—that it's no longer a problem to be solved but a condition to be dealt with.

Evidence of that attitude comes from the speeches and papers presented at the Agriculture Department's 63rd annual Outlook Conference.

The experts agreed that farmers and ranchers will fare a little better this year, but not enough to end the depression in agriculture that has marked the 1980s. Farmers will still go broke, research will continue to boost productivity for an industry that already produces more food than the world can eat and crop prices will stay at low levels.

Just three years ago, at "Outlook '84," rural development specialists talked about the need for building rural water systems and improving highways. The rural development section of "Outlook '87" included a speech on how to retrain farmers for other jobs.

There's no more talk about light at

the end of the tunnel, and even the optimism relies on an odd blend of happenstance rather than deliberate planning: lower oil prices, the declining value of the dollar and record-high government payments to farmers.

With huge world food reserves depressing prices for farmers, acreage-reduction programs will reduce the size of the U.S. crop. But record harvests in other countries will keep world food supplies at about one year's worth of typical consumption.

"We are going to continue to face competition for a dwindling number of markets," said Richard Goldberg, deputy under secretary of agriculture for international affairs and commodity programs. "It used to be that the United States was the only country with an agricultural surplus. Today, 25 nations have surpluses."

There will be some help. With lower oil prices, the world economy is in better shape than it has been for buying U.S. crops, and the falling dollar is making U.S. agricultural products more attractive to other countries. Exports are expected to increase this year by about 5 percent to 116.5 million tons. But lower prices will keep the value of agricultural exports at about \$26 billion.

Farm income could rise as much as 10 percent this year, but that comes after two years of decline. And a major reason for the increase will be government payments. U.S. outlays for farm price support programs rose from \$17 billion in 1985 to a record \$25.5 billion last year and are expected to stay at those high levels this year.

That kind of money in an era of gigantic federal deficits probably won't be very popular for very long. At Outlook '87, Congressional Budget Officer Director Rudolph Penner said that while most federal spending had at least stopped increasing, "agriculture payments are the one part of the budget that's totally out of control."

Today, with fewer farmers and a more diverse group of people living in rural communities, farm programs no longer necessarily help the entire rural economy.

Some unpleasant truths may have to be faced: Maybe we'll have to concentrate on training farmers for new jobs; maybe there aren't significant new foreign markets for our food.

The way America produces its food is radically changing, and that kind of awareness is essential if we're going to do more than just cope.

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Rate Hike Reduced

Eighteen North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations will pay higher rates of bulk power purchased from Carolina Power and Light Company beginning Sept. 1, but the rates will not be as high as the company had originally proposed.

The rates will go up 12.4 percent a year rather than 16.2 percent, as was proposed by CP&L when the firm filed Jan. 30 with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for authority to raise rates.

The agency ordered the rates rolled back because of the way the company had treated its federal income tax obligations in the rate filing.

As a result, the EMCs affected by the new rates face the prospect of paying \$27.8 million a year more for power—a

price tag that's \$6.6 million less than had been proposed.

"We raised a question with FERC regarding how the income tax was handled in the case, so we're pleased to see that this issue has already been resolved," said Tom Bolch, general counsel for North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, the power supply arm of the statewide EMC organization.

As a result of the FERC ruling, CP&L must refile its proposal, reducing its allocation for federal income tax from 40 percent to 34 percent, reflecting provisions of the 1986 tax reform law.

"We also asked FERC to suspend the rate increase for five months, the maximum period allowed under the agency's rules. Without that suspension, the higher rates could have become effective as early as April 1," Bolch said.

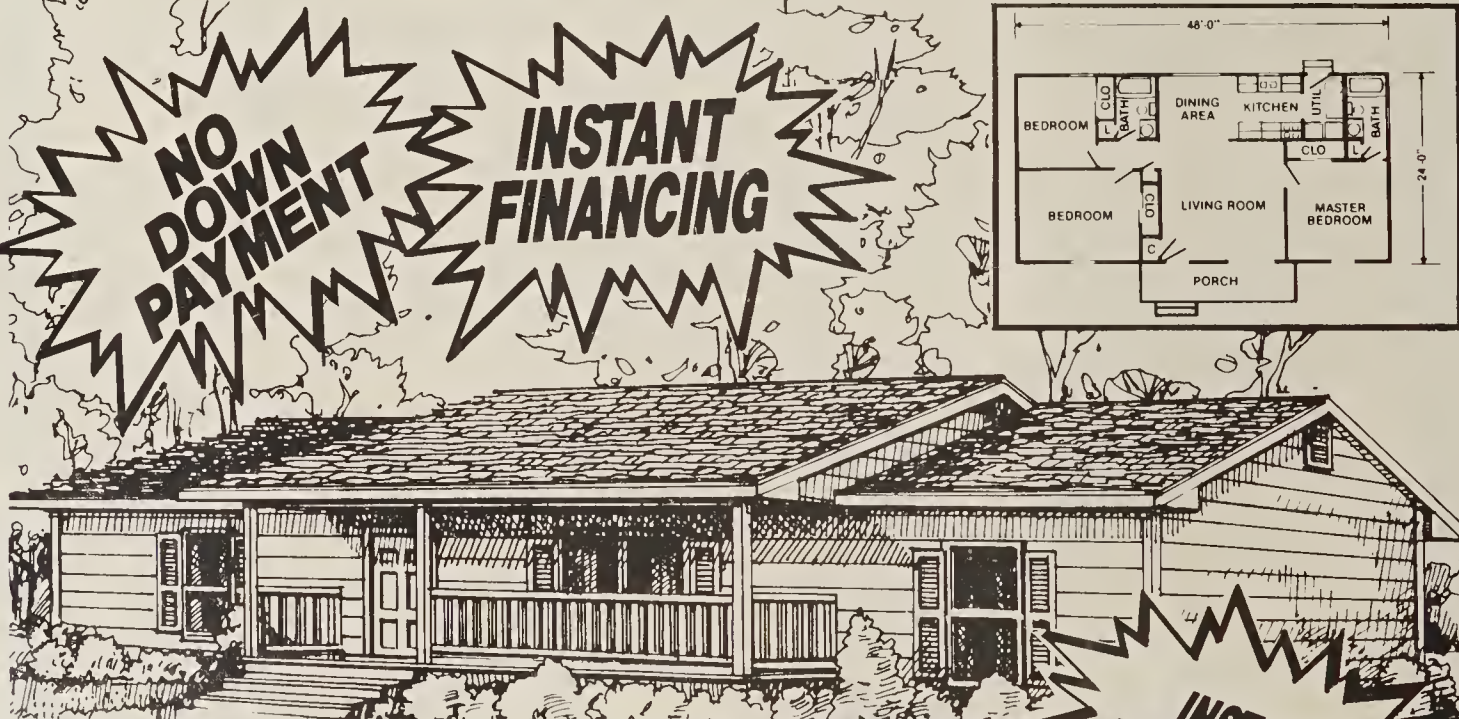
Under FERC procedures, increases in wholesale rates charged by investor-owned companies are allowed to go into effect subject to refund. If the agency later determines that those rates are too high, the excess charges must be refund-

ed to the wholesale customers.

CP&L is seeking the rate hike because the company's Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant is expected to go into commercial operation in April.

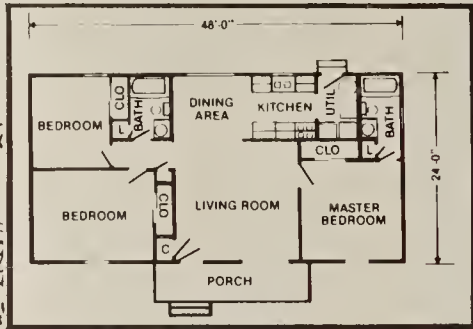
Meanwhile, NCEMC officials will continue negotiations with CP&L representatives regarding a proposed joint venture arrangement. The plan calls for NCEMC to buy portions of three CP&L plants and a share of its transmission system.

The EMCs that would be affected by the rate increase are: Brunswick, Shalotte; Carteret-Craven, Morehead City; Central, Sanford; Four County, Burgaw; French Broad, Marshall; Halifax, Enfield; Harkers Island; Haywood, Waynesville; Jones-Onslow, Jacksonville; Lumbee River, Red Springs; Pee Dee, Wadesboro; Piedmont, Hillsborough; Pitt and Greene, Farmville; Randolph, Ashboro; South River, Dunn; Tideland, Pantego; Tri-County, Dudley and Wake, Wake Forest.



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By John T. Jackson

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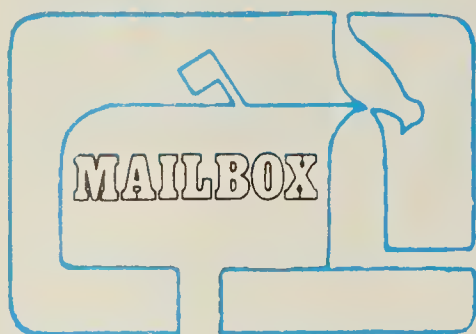
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Thanks For "Excellent Article"

I wish to commend you on including the excellent article about the School of the Arts in the February issue of *Carolina Country*. In my many years of reading your magazine I can't remember an article I've enjoyed more.

I was delighted to see that the School of the Arts is taking this initiative to give rural residents a chance at the arts—both as consumers and as participants.

Thank you for this excellent story.

James Gentry, Director
Southern Highland Handicraft
Guild, Asheville

"Angered and Distressed"

As a concerned American high school student, I am angered and dis-

tressed by the deadly dosage of liberal bias and prejudice that overflows from your publication each month.

Instead of accurately and fairly reporting on the national, state, and local issues of concern to North Carolinians, you manipulate this precious medium by smearing it with your misguided sentiment.

Each month I read your publication in hope that you will come to your senses and start doing all of North Carolina and America a great service by giving us the news honestly and objectively. It seems to be a waste of time, for you are constantly bashing conservatives, conservative policies and conservative ideals. Your opposition to the conservative philosophy is apparent in your unrelentless denunciation of President Ronald Reagan and his administration. (By the way, don't you realize that when you smear Ronald Reagan you are insulting all of the Americans who overwhelmingly want Ronald Reagan to lead our nation?)

Nowhere in your propaganda is your ultra-liberal slant more intense and sickening than in your February, 1987 "Washington Scene" column. In it, you criticize the Reagan administration for the federal budget deficit,

when *truthfully* the liberal Democrats are the heart of the problem! The U.S. Congress is responsible for the spending appropriations that have created the federal budget deficit. And for as long as anyone can remember, the liberal Democrats have dominated Congress and have plunged America into the deficit crisis, with their irresponsible spending, while President Reagan has had to courageously combat the problem!

You also attacked several other worthwhile American goals. You criticize our American government for defending our nation against the increasing threat of Soviet/Communist expansionism by providing aid to the anti-Communist freedom fighters in Nicaragua. You object to the Strategic Defense Initiative. Since the Soviet Union has conducted a massive military buildup and has 10,000 nuclear warheads aimed at the U.S., America's citizens have recognized the need for S.D.I. It will provide America with a more civilized defense against nuclear attack, and be used as a tool to continually bring the Soviet Union to the bargaining table.

You also blasted the administration for reducing its expenditures for wasteful, disastrous "social programs" and for trimming the fat from the government's assets and loans portfolio.

Yet the crudest and lowest blow against America came when you called our President a "lame duck" and said that he is now virtually ineffective. You wish that were true, but alas, it is not! Ronald Reagan can still remain strong and keep America strong.

I know that I speak for many other loyal Americans when I offer you the following advice: Print the news of interest to us with objectivity and fairness and support President Reagan. He is our nation's leader and he needs and deserves our utmost support.

T. S. Polk
Wingate

Magazine "Owes No Apology"

It gives me great pleasure to receive your magazine as a Tideland EMC customer. I especially enjoy reading your "Viewpoint" and "Washington Scene" pages the most. You have the courage and conviction of telling the

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story as it really is, and not as this administration in Washington wants us to believe.

Please continue your "Viewpoint" and "Washington Scene" sections as you have in the past because they are outstanding.

It's unfortunate that some people are still worshipping the "Hollywood actor" we have in Washington, but very fortunate that many thousands do not, as evident in the last election. You owe nobody an apology for printing the truth!

Sam Barrett
Plymouth

Enjoy Magazine "Very Much"

Thank you so much for this little magazine which helps me to be better informed about my home state of North Carolina. My husband and I both enjoy it very much.

Mrs. Samuel C. Shepherd
Alexandria, VA

Recipes Not "Country" Enough

While I enjoy your magazine very much, I do have a suggestion to make. When a person picks up a magazine like yours and turns to (everybody's favorite!) recipes, I think they expect good country cooking. You regularly feature recipes which feature processed food such as dry soup mixes or refrigerator biscuits or, even worse, chemicals such as Cool Whip, Jello, canned soup. Anybody interested in nutrition knows these types of foods are high in fats, sodium, etc.

I guess the best argument for keeping it simple, nutritious, and country is that grandma didn't have that stuff and therefore didn't use it. There are plenty of wholesome, simple and delicious recipes available. Please find some.

Rebecca J. Sadler
Rt. 2, Wake Forest

We have asked Mrs. Sadler to send us some of her favorite recipes that do not call for any of the "processed" foods or "chemicals" she mentioned. Some of these will be published as a special feature. Other readers who wish to recommend recipes of this sort should send them to us at this address: Pure Country Recipes, Carolina Country, P.O. Box 27306, Raleigh, NC 27611.

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Garden Symposium Slated In Raleigh

"The Garden: Rooms Outside" is the theme of the 1987 Mordecai Garden Symposium, scheduled for May 14-16 at several locations in Raleigh. The symposium will feature lectures, field trips and festivities.

The opening reception on Thursday evening, May 14, will be held at the N.C. State Capitol and will feature Thomas Wirth, a landscape architect who frequently appears on public television's "This Old House."

Several other speakers will be featured during the three-day symposium.

For more information and registration, write: Mordecai Square Historical Society, Inc., 1 Mimosa St., Raleigh, NC 27604 or call (919) 834-4844.

Dallas Schedules "Battle In The Street," May 2-3

The Sixth Annual "Battle in the Street," featuring re-enactments of Civil War battles, is scheduled in Dallas for May 2-3.

The event is sponsored by the Gaston County Museum with the 49th NC Troop serving as host.

Activities will include a re-enactment of a Civil War funeral, buggy rides and Civil War-era music. A Grand Ball is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on May 2.

For more information, write or call Ed Miller at Rt. 2, Box 555F, Dallas, NC 28934. Phone: (704) 263-1644.

EMCs Offer Varied Security Light Plans

Some confusion has arisen among consumer-members of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations because of an ad for security lights that appeared in the March issue of *Carolina Country*.

The ad, featuring the headline, "Cheaper Than A Watchdog," said the lights would be installed by the EMCs without charge.

While some of the state's EMCs offer free installation of security lights, some of them do charge an installation fee.

The ad in question was prepared for use only by the cooperatives offering free installation.

For more information about security lights and the charges for them, call or write your EMC office for complete details.

Wooden Boat Show Set In Beaufort

Sail races, boating, clinics and demonstrations, including rowing and paddling, will be part of the Thirteenth Annual Traditional Wooden Boat Show, May 2-3, on the Beaufort waterfront.



This spring gathering of small wooden boats, sponsored by the North Carolina Maritime Museum, is a non-commercial show. There is no admission charge.

For an application to exhibit or for additional information, contact: N.C. Maritime Museum, 315 Front St., Beaufort, NC 28516, or call (919) 728-7317.

State Agency Offers Accommodations Guide

A guide to accommodations available across North Carolina is now being offered by the state Division of Travel and Tourism.

The 1987 *North Carolina Accommodations Directory* is a 72-page book listing 1,400 accommodations in North Carolina from cozy country inns to major resorts with golf courses, swimming pools and tennis courts.

Divided into three sections, the directory includes a listing of bed and breakfast and country inns; hotels, motels, and rental property and convention bureaus.

The book is available free of charge from the North Carolina Division of Travel and Tourism, 430 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

The directory is also available at the state's eight welcome centers.

Egg Cooking Contest Entry Deadline: May 4

Entries for the 1987 North Carolina Egg Cooking Contest must be submitted to the N.C. Egg Marketing Association, contest sponsor, by May 4.

Home Folks

Gary Spitler, sports information director at Pembroke State University, has received the Clarence (Ike) Pearson Award as Sports Information Director of the Year from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics **Dame Scott Hamby**, dean of the N.C. State University School of Textiles, has been named to receive the Textile Research Institute's Honorary Fellowship for service to the industry **Susan Edwards Conway**, personnel manager for Hanes Printables in Morganton, has been named state Career Woman of the Year at the annual Spotlight on Women Conference in Winston-Salem. Mrs. Conway, who is currently president-elect of the Burke County Chamber of Commerce, will become its first female president next year **Katherine Fulton** of Greensboro, editor of *The North Carolina Independent*, has been awarded a \$90,000 Lyndhurst Prize presented by the Lyndhurst Foundation in Chattanooga, TN. The no-strings-attached award recognizes "individuals whose religious, charitable, artistic, literary or educational work has been interesting, creative and significant for a number of years." The *Independent* is a free-distribution biweekly newspaper based in Durham which has a circulation of about 45,000.

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Five adult finalists and five student finalists will be selected for a cook-off on June 25 in Raleigh. First prize will be \$500 in the adult category and \$250 in the student category.

For more information, write or call the association at 1213 Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607. Phone: 828-8188.

Works From Art School In Asheville Exhibit

Contemporary art and craft works from the permanent collection of Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, TN, are currently on exhibit at the Folk Art Center near Asheville.

The exhibit marks the first in a series of shows at the center featuring work by members of the Education Center of the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild. A total of seven institutions are members of the Guild, which operates the Folk Art Center.

The exhibit will be on display through May 11.

For more information, write to the Folk Art Center at P.O. Box 9545, Asheville, NC 28805.

Cover: "Spring Cleaning"

Our cover this month is a reproduction of a painting by Mel Steele of Rt. 4, Reidsville. It's titled, "Spring Cleaning."

Steele, who grew up in Madison, received a bachelor's degree in fine arts at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. In 1977, he returned to Rockingham County, where he works as a painter and commercial designer.

Limited edition prints of "Winter's End" are available from the artist. For information about the prints, write to him at Steele and Ballington Studios, Rt. 9, Box 273-B, Reidsville, NC 27320.

The artist is a consumer-member of Davidson Electric Membership Corporation, Lexington.

Project Demonstrates "Smart House" Concept

By the 1990s, American houses could be so "smart" that they will turn their own appliances on and off at certain times, automatically cooking meals, making coffee and heating the house.

A glimpse of that kind of house is provided by the "Smart House," a project of the National Association of Home Builders. The demonstration house will be wired so that the micro-processors in appliances like microwave ovens, alarm systems and hot water heaters will "communicate" with each other. The appliances in the smart house will do more than turn themselves on and off, however.

A house may actually be designed to sense which type of appliance is

plugged into any outlet and deliver only the amount of energy needed to run that particular appliance. It might be able to tell if a child's finger rather than a plug is inserted into the outlet, and it could "decide" not to deliver any current.

Smart houses are expected to show up in the early 1990s. At first, they will be more expensive than conventional homes, but by the mid-1990s they are expected to become popular enough to bring the price down, according to Howard Levine, marketing director for the Smart House project.

The National Association of Home Builders also is working on technology that will allow conventional houses to be retrofit with devices to turn them into smart homes.

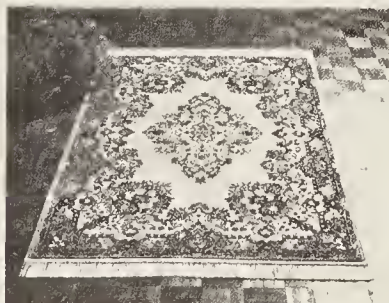
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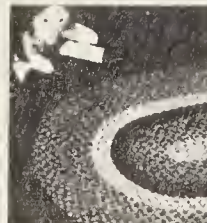
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Telecommunications Co-op Names Kansas Man As CEO

Bob Phillips, general counsel and director of government relations for the Kansas statewide association of electric cooperatives, has been named chief executive officer of the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC).

Phillips, who had been a member of the original board of the newly formed cooperative, became its first full-time administrator on March 1.

NRTC was formed in 1986 through the joint efforts of the National Rural Electric Cooperative

Association and the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation. It was organized to provide telecommunications services to rural areas of the nation, including descrambled TV programming for satellite dish owners.

About 350 electric and telephone cooperatives across the country have joined the national co-op.

Five Recognized As "Distinguished Women"

Two educators and three women who're active in government affairs have been named the 1987 Distinguished Women of the Year by Gov. James G. Martin. They are:

- Mary Ulmer Chiltoskey, a teacher and librarian from Cherokee, who organized the Cherokee Indian Reservation's first public library.

- Dr. Bonnie Ethel Cone, vice chancellor emerita of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, who was instrumental in the formation of Charlotte College, which became UNC-C in 1965.

- Alice Priscilla Stateman Hannibal, the first woman and the first black to win a seat on the Kinston Board of Alderman.

- State Sen. Helen Rhyne Martin of Gastonia, who has served in the North Carolina State Senate since 1976.

- Helen Anne Powers of Raleigh,

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secretary of the N.C. Department of Revenue, who oversees a \$35 million budget and more than 1,000 employees.

The winners were selected for the awards from 75 nominations submitted by individuals and organizations across the state.

ASU Schedules Two Specialty Programs

The Division of Continuing Education at Appalachian State University, Boone, will sponsor two specialty programs during the coming months.

The 1987 Wildflower Weekend program will be offered May 1-3 and May 8-10. Participants will have the opportunity to attend lectures, tours and two meal functions. Cost is \$44 per person.

For bridge enthusiasts, the 1987 "Land Cruise" Bridge Festival will be offered in five sessions. The sessions include: Advanced "No Frills" Standard Bidding, Competitive Bidding and Modern Aggressive Bidding.

Dates are May 31-June 13; June 14-27; June 28-July 11; July 12-25 and July 26-Aug. 8.

For information and registration details concerning these programs, contact: Registrar, Office of Conferences and Institutes, ASU, Boone, NC 28608, or call (704) 262-3045.

Appliance Standards To Save Tar Heels Millions

North Carolina consumers could save as much as \$70 million a year on their energy bills now that a bill setting efficiency standards for major home appliances has been signed into law by President Reagan.

The measure would save Tar Heel families an average of \$300 per family over the next 30 years, according to a study funded by the N.C. Alternative Energy Corporation.

The law sets minimum energy-efficient standards for large appli-

ances, including refrigerators, water heaters and air conditioners.

Supporters of the bill had estimated that it would save enough energy through the year 2000 to equal the output of 22 power plants.

Similar legislation was pocket-vetoed by the President last November.

The Alternative Energy Corporation study was compiled in conjunction with the National Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, a Washington-based lobbying group.

The alternative energy agency is a non-profit research group established by the N.C. Utilities Commission to study ways to reduce energy consumption.

Raleigh Gallery Hosts Visit By Noted Artist

P. Buckley Moss, a nationally known artist whose work often features Amish or Mennonite people, will appear as part of a special exhibit of her works at Frameworks Gallery in Raleigh, May 16.

The artist, who does watercolors, serigraphs, etchings and lithographs, will offer a number of original works during the exhibit. She'll be on hand from 12 noon to 3 p.m. and from 6 to 9 p.m.

For more information about the exhibit, write or call Carolyn B. Younger, Frameworks Gallery, 1520 Dixie Trail, Raleigh, NC 27607. Phone: (919) 781-3118.

Tarheel Piecemakers Sponsor Quilt Fest

As a part of the 1987 Apple Festival, Aug. 28-30, the Tarheel Piecemakers Quilt Club of Hendersonville will sponsor the Fifth Annual Apple Festival Quilt Fest.

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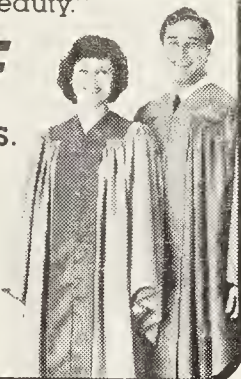
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16 Elected To Statewide EMC Posts

Two directors and seven managers from Electric Membership Corporations throughout the state have been elected officers of the three corporations comprising North Carolina's statewide EMC organization.

The co-op officials will serve one-year terms as officers of the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC); the N.C. Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC) and Tarheel Electric Membership Association (TEMA).

They were elected during the 1987 Annual Meeting of the statewide organization in Raleigh.

NCAEC is the general trade association for the state's 28 electric cooperatives, while NCEMC is the generating and transmission power supply arm. TEMA is a central purchasing and materials supply operation serving the EMCs.

The officers are:

NCAEC: President—Dorris White, manager of Albemarle EMC, Hertford; Vice President—Emmit P. Wood of Scaly Mountain, president of the board of Haywood EMC, Waynesville; Secretary-Treasurer—David J. Batten, General Manager of

Brunswick EMC, Shallotte.

NCEMC: President—Wayne Keller, manager of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir; Vice President—Ronnie Hunt, manager of Lumbee River EMC, Red Springs; Secretary-Treasurer—Eugene W. Brown Jr., manager of Roanoke EMC, Rich Square. All three were re-elected after serving in these posts during the past year.

TEMA: President—Thomas Cockerham of Jefferson, a director of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir; Vice President—James E. Mangum, manager of Wake EMC, Wake Forest; Secre-

tary-Treasurer—H. Eugene Clayborne, manager of Carteret-Craven EMC, Morehead City.

In addition, three EMC directors and an EMC manager were elected to TEMA's nine-member Board of Directors.

They are: Lawrence H. Henson of Candler, a director of Haywood EMC, Waynesville; Henry E. Jones of Rt. 3, Pittsboro, a director of Central EMC, Sanford; Frederick A. Tedder of Rt. 1, Hallsboro, a director of Brunswick EMC, Shallotte and Mark A. Suggs, manager of Pitt and Greene EMC, Farmville.

Shepherd Heads REAP Slate

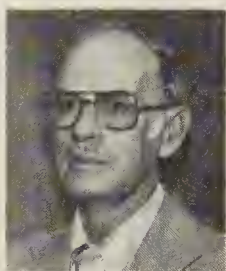
A director of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, has been elected chairman of the North Carolina rural electric program's political action organization.

He is Richard Shepherd of Rt. 2, Lansing, who had served as vice chairman for the past two years. He'll serve for the coming year as chairman of the Rural Electric Action Program, which is composed primarily of employees and directors of the state's 28 EMCs.

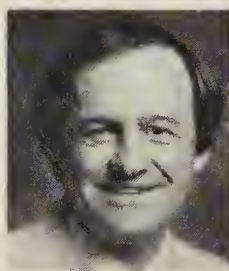
Also elected were: Eugene Clayborne, manager of Carteret-Craven EMC, Morehead City, was elected vice chairman; Hassel B. Gann of Rt. 1, Mayodan, a director of Davidson EMC, Lexington, secretary; James Lee Burney, manager of public affairs for the statewide EMC organization, treasurer.



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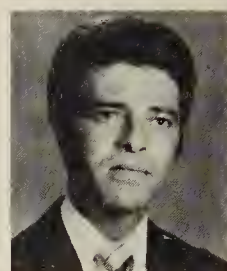
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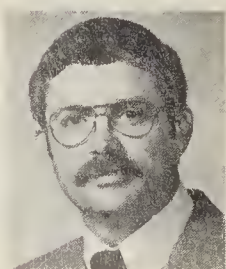
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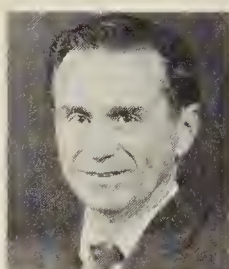
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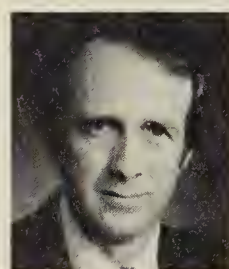
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Awards Cite 22 Directors From 14 EMCs

A total of 22 directors of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations have been recognized for their years of service to the state's rural electric program.

They were presented with "meritorious service" plaques citing them for their contributions to the program. The plaques were presented as part of the 1987 Annual Meeting of the statewide organization of EMCs.

The directors honored, listed by EMCs, were:

Blue Ridge, Lenoir—Oren

Teague of Rt. 1, Granite Falls, 20 years.

Brunswick, Shallotte—W. D. Frink of Rt. 1, Ash, 15 years.

Central, Sanford—James B. Brooks of Rt. 2, Siler City, 25 years.

Crescent, Statesville—J. Sidney Burris of Huntersville; Eugene Delinger of Rt. 3, Denver and Jimmy R. Horton of Rt. 2, Cleveland, all for 20 years.

French Broad, Marshall—I. E. Clevenger of Burnsville; Novile C. Hawkins of Mars Hill and W. G. Plemmons of Rt. 3, Leicester, all for 15 years.

Halifax, Enfield—A. G. Will-Cox, Jr. of Rt. 3, Enfield, 25 years, and G. W. King of Rt. 1, Warren-ton, 35 years.

Lumbee River, Red Springs—J. W. Hunt of Rt. 1, Fairmont, 15

years.

Pee Dee, Wadesboro—A. J. Riggan Jr. of Hamlet, 25 years, and J. C. Thompson of Rt. 3, Mt. Gilead, 30 years.

Pitt and Greene, Farmville—J. J. Grimsley of Rt. 1, Ayden and Mark W. Mozingo of Rt. 2, Farmville, both for 25 years.

Randolph, Asheboro—Joseph Auman of Rt. 4, Asheboro and Willie Comer of Rt. 2, Seagrove, both for 15 years.

Roanoke, Rich Square—Harbie C. Martin of Rt. 1, Jackson, 25 years.

South River, Dunn—Leroy Autry of Rt. 2, Autryville, 15 years.

Surry-Yadkin, Dobson—Jack Messer of Rt. 1, Traphill, 15 years.

Union, Monroe—Boyd C. Haigler of Monroe, 15 years.

Eight Get Career Honors

Seven managers and one retired manager from North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations across the state have been honored for their career service to the Tar Heel rural electric program.

Each was presented with a "meritorious service" plaque during ceremonies at the 1987 Annual Meeting of the statewide EMC organization in Raleigh.

Four of those recognized were cited for four decades of service to the program. They were L. P. (Bill) Beverage, retired manager of Four County EMC, Burgaw; Rudolph Sexton, manager of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro; L. Reid Harris, manager of Central EMC, Sanford and Alvin Morton, manager of Jones-Onslow EMC, Jacksonville.

Three managers were cited for 25 years of service to the co-op program: Clifton E. Austin Sr. of Cape Hatteras EMC, Buxton; Bob L. McDuffie of Randolph EMC, Asheboro and Glenn A. Carowan of Tideland EMC, Pantego.

In addition, Gary Whitener of Rutherford EMC, Forest City, was cited for 15 years of service to rural electrification.

National Director Re-elected

Bob L. McDuffie, manager of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, Asheboro, has been elected to a third term as North Carolina's representative on the board of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

The national organization, which is based in Washington, represents about 1,000 electric co-ops across the country.

McDuffie, who has been with Randolph EMC for 25 years, is a former president of the statewide EMC organization and currently serves on the boards of two of its three corporations. He has been manager at Randolph EMC since 1977.



EMC Safety Programs Recognized

Six North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations have been cited for maintaining effective comprehensive employee safety programs.

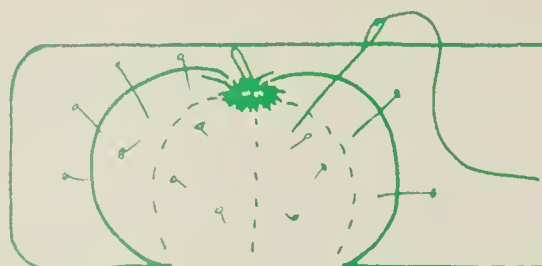
The EMCs, which were recognized during the 1987 Annual Meeting of North Carolina's statewide EMC organization, have been awarded re-accreditation certificates for the safety programs from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

The national organization reviews co-op safety efforts for accreditation purposes every three years.

Three of the EMCs recognized have received their fifth accreditation: Randolph EMC, Asheboro; Pee Dee EMC, Wadesboro and Davidson EMC, Lexington.

Two were awarded their fourth certificates: Tideland EMC, Pantego and Jones-Onslow EMC, Jacksonville.

Surry-Yadkin EMC, Dobson, received its third certificate



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Crowd-Size Banana Split

Submitted by Katherine L. Shores, Aulander

2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1½ sticks butter (or margarine)
2 eggs
2 cups powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla

2 to 3 bananas, sliced
8 oz. container whipped topping
1 cup walnuts, chopped
1 cup Maraschino cherries

Combine graham cracker crumbs with 1/2 stick melted butter. Place in bottom of 9 x 12-inch pan. Make a filling by mixing eggs, powdered sugar, 1 stick melted butter and vanilla for about five minutes or until smooth. Spread filling over crumbs. Add a layer of bananas. Spread whipped topping. Top with walnuts and cherries. Chill at least three hours or overnight. (Serves 8 to 10).

Duckling Processor Joins NCDA Program

Concord Farms of Cabarrus County, the nation's second largest processor of ducklings, is the newest participant in the "Goodness Grows in North Carolina" marketing promotion of the N.C. Department of Agriculture.

Established in 1980, Concord Farms has grown to the point that it processes five million ducklings each year. Whole ducklings, both fresh and frozen, breasts and other duckling parts are marketed. The processor sells ducklings in all 50 states and in eight foreign countries, according to National Sales Manager Jack Clune.

Meanwhile, several other food processors have also joined the program in recent weeks, bringing the total enrolled to 42.

Two new marketers of peanuts, a prime North Carolina crop, have joined the roster. Parnell Peanut

Corporation of Woodland sells peanuts salted in the shell and roasted in the shell. Anderson-Talbert Peanut Company of Tarboro markets quality raw shelled peanuts.

Another new program participant is Sun Honey Greenhouses of Henderson. This Vance County producer markets gourmet European cucumbers produced in their own greenhouses.



Goodness Grows in North Carolina, now in its second year, emphasizes only two points: the product must be of North Carolina origin (the actual percentage required for participation is 51 percent of raw materials originating in the Tar Heel state) and it must be of first quality.

If a firm produces several lines, such as "good, better, best" only the best quality is eligible to be considered.

Mrs. Teresa Hamby of Raleigh, coordinator of the program, said, "This means that anything you see on sale that bears the Goodness Grows logo is not only North Carolina merchandise, but also is guaran-

teed to be of the first quality, no matter what the product may be."

Food processors can share in the promotion, advertising and publicity at no cost. But participation is not automatic. Those interested must apply to: Goodness Grows in North Carolina, Division of Marketing, N. C. Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 27647, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

They may also obtain information by calling Mrs. Teresa Hamby at (919) 733-7912. The application must be accompanied by a label currently being used on the product.

Each application is reviewed by a committee of marketing specialists and commodity specialists familiar with the type of product involved. Committee approval allows participation. No fees are charged.

Once approved, the firm and its product or products are officially in the program and eligible to use the distinctive "Goodness Grows" logo.

Cash Prizes Offered In Turkey Cooking Contest

The North Carolina Turkey Federation is once again sponsoring its annual Turkey Cooking Contest, with more than \$1,050 in prize money being offered for the top five turkey recipes. The first prize winner will receive \$500; second prize, \$250 and third, fourth and fifth place winners will each receive a \$100 cash prize.

Contest requirements are simple: Jot down your favorite turkey parts recipe on a sheet of paper and send it to contest headquarters by July 15. You may enter as often as you like and your recipes need not be original.

A panel of food experts will select the five finalists to participate in the state cook-off competition in September. Winners will receive an expense-paid trip to the competition in Raeford.

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1988 Presidential Race Now "Wide Open" For Both Major Parties

It may seem early, but the race for president has started and candidates from both parties are either announcing that they will run—or denouncing statements by others in the race.

Only last month one Democrat said of a rival candidate that he needed "a backbone transplant."

Meanwhile, six Republican candidates meeting together in New Hampshire took off the gloves as they criticized each other at an open forum.

We can expect others to announce their candidacies in the weeks ahead, but there are already enough hopefuls in the campaign to guarantee a free-swinging race in the primaries next year.

The polling has already started and here is the picture that has emerged.

In the race for the Republican nomination, Vice President George Bush has a substantial lead, trailed by Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas and Rep. Jack Kemp of New York. Also in the race or about to get in are Gen. Alexander Haig, TV evangelist Pat Robertson, former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Pierre DuPont, former governor of Delaware.

Bush is shown in the polls to be ahead, but some pollsters say that could be misleading.

"Bush's support is a mile wide and about two inches deep," said one leading pollster. "It certainly isn't well based as was the kind of support President Reagan enjoyed."

There may be others in the GOP nomination race.

Former Sen. Paul Laxalt (R-NV), described often as President Reagan's "best friend," says he is testing the water.

Meanwhile, conservatives across the country would welcome a campaign by Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina.

Senator Simon Wants To Revive New Deal Agency

Everybody in Washington, it seems, wants to do something about the present welfare system, but Sen. Paul Simon (D-IL) has a different idea. He wants to bring back the WPA.

For those who don't know, the WPA was the Works Progress Administration, which was created by President Franklin Roosevelt as part of the New Deal to put people to work during the Great Depression of the 1930s.

And although there were hundreds of jokes about the agency, belittling the amount of work it did, Simon points out that more than 125,000 schools and libraries were built or improved by the agency.

He sees a lot of people out of work and a lot of things that need doing and he wants to bring these two together. When everybody seems to be saying the New Deal is dead, Simon wants to revive one of its key elements.

He sees roads and bridges that need rebuilding and repairing, illiterates who need to be taught to read and write and a host of other things that idle people could be put to work doing. At the same time, he would have them work four days a week and spend the fifth seeking jobs in private industry. He would pay them the minimum wage.

The nation's governors, meeting in Washington recently, voted almost unanimously to require people on welfare to be forced to work if they want to continue receiving benefits.

Simon thinks his plan is simpler and would put people to work doing things that the country needs to do anyway.

Perhaps the New Deal isn't dead after all.

As for the Democrats, they have just as many hopefuls and the race could become very scrambled when the first primary is held in New Hampshire next year.

Leading in the polls at present is former Sen. Gary Hart (D-CO), who left the Senate for the express purpose of seeking the White House.

Others who may be in the hunt are the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the only probable black candidate; Rep. Richard Gephardt (D-MO); Gov. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts; ex-Gov. Bruce Babbitt of Arizona; Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn, New Jersey; Sen. Bill Bradley; Delaware's Sen. Joseph Biden and former Virginia Gov. Charles Robb.

Obviously all of those people won't run, but all this maneuvering at this stage suggests that Americans will see a wide open race in both parties.

One reason for this is that for the first time since 1968, there is no incumbent seeking another term in the race.

Even at that, the race may be decided early, possibly four months before the national conventions

gather in the summer of '88.

That may come about because of Super Tuesday, March 8, when 19 states and one territory will go to the polls or caucus on the same day. They are: Alabama, American Samoa, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas and Washington.

On the following Saturday South Carolina will select its delegates.

As a result, by March, one-half the convention delegates will be named and the race could be decided.

Southern leaders planned for this simultaneous voting by Southern states in order to give the South more



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clout in selecting a candidate more acceptable to Southern voters.

Democrats especially felt a need for something like this because the once solid Democratic South has been voting Republican in recent presidential elections. And Democrats thought they knew the reason.

In the last five elections, starting in 1968, no Southerner has been on the ticket for president or vice president in three of them. In those races, the Democrats carried only one Southern state. They carried Texas once and were shut out, 32 to 0, in the rest of the three elections.

So, Democratic state leaders reasoned, if all the states voted at one time and a suitable candidate, perhaps a Southerner, ran for the highest office, he could come out of the region with enough delegates to make him a potential winner at the

convention.

It hasn't worked out that way yet, because no Southerner who is considered moderately conservative has entered the race.

"It's like we've got a prom but no prom queen," said one Southern Democratic leader.

The politician getting the most heat to declare himself a candidate is Nunn of Georgia, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the acknowledged Senate leader on defense matters.

Nunn fits the moderate-conservative pattern the state leaders had in mind when they decided on the several primaries to be held on a single day. But Nunn, who said he was considering running, announced that he is not a candidate now. However, he left the door open for a later announcement.

Former Governor Robb is leading a group that is working on Nunn and says he believes the senator will make

the race.

"He's asking all the right questions," Robb said recently.

But now there is a genuine fear on the part of those leaders that unless Nunn, or someone like him, doesn't become a candidate they may have done more harm than good with Super Tuesday.

It is possible that with no candidate who could unite the region's voters, several candidates could split the vote in a number of ways and that Jesse Jackson could emerge from the primaries with the largest number of delegates. That would hardly be what planners had in mind when they conceived this idea.

Robb says he's not worried. He believes the effect will be beneficial because candidates campaigning in Iowa and New Hampshire will have to take positions in those states with an eye on the many primaries in the South that will happen immediately after the two first states vote.



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24	Piedmont, Hillsborough	Registration: 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Orange High School Auditorium
May			
8	Harkers Island	Registration: 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting: 7:30 p.m.	Harkers Island School
June			
13	Blue Ridge, Lenoir	Registration: 8:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 10:00 a.m.	Ashe Central High School, Jefferson



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Now they can get an answer from child development experts at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill by calling 1-800-942-KIDS.

The toll-free, statewide hotline operates from 8 to 9 a.m. on Mondays and from 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays. The number is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation.

"We started the hotline because parents out there have questions, and many are not finding any answers," said Debbie Brandon, a clinical nursing specialist who runs the hotline.

"We as parents are less knowledgeable at solving problems when our children are younger. Many young mothers today, especially professional women, are reluctant to ask family members about these things. They are afraid to show that they don't know how to handle the situation. They also want the advice of an expert."

Brandon has been a staff member of the Clinical Center for the Study of Development and Learning, part of the UNC-CH Child Development Institute, since 1982 and has worked with high-risk infants and children with development disorders for a decade. She has a master's degree in nursing from UNC with a specialty in development disabilities and child development.

The call-in service has been tested in the Chapel Hill area since November 1985. Brandon said one reason for switching to a toll-free number was because calls were coming in from parents as far away as Asheville, some 200 miles west of Chapel Hill.

When a parent calls, Brandon will listen for the first few minutes and try to find out the problem. She will provide information, give advice and, if

necessary, consult with children's growth and development experts at UNC, ranging from physicians to psychologists.

Parents can expect Brandon to use a behavioral approach in solving problems.

"I tell parents to reinforce behavior that they want from their child and ignore behavior that they want to get rid of. I always ask parents what they think of the information that I've given them. I also ask if they'll be able to try the ideas that I've suggested."

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Brandon said she would try to check with parents within six to eight weeks after they called. If the problem hasn't been solved, she will try to find out what went wrong.

"Sometimes parents can have a hard time sticking to the solution agreed on or have trouble being consistent. Sometimes, however, the child will come up with a new twist, and parents aren't sure what to do next."

If parents need more help, Brandon will refer them to professionals in their area. She said she would give parents two or three names, so they can make their own choice. She estimated that 20 percent of callers would be referred.

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HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

Gardens awaken in April. As a result of autumn labors, spring-flowering shrubs, trees and bulbs are bursting forth with color. Much of the success with a summer garden and lawn depends upon what is done this month.

Roses

Continue to spray roses at weekly intervals to prevent blackspot. This destructive fungus disease is always with us during the growing season of roses. Also, keep water off rose leaves to discourage the growth of powdery mildew.

Leaf Drop

Don't be alarmed if evergreens such as photinia, cleyera, abelia, Southern Magnolia and gardenia are shedding leaves. This is a natural leaf drop. Mature leaves are being replaced by new growth.

For the sake of controlling diseases and insects as well as neatness, rake dead leaves from your yard.

Repair Winter Storm Damage

Before limbs, branches and twigs of trees and shrubs are obscured by the growth of new foliage, check the damage from winter storms.

Remove damaged wood with pruning shears and a pole saw to prevent future injury. If your trees have broken stubs of branches, cut them off flush with the trunk.

Summer Bulbs

Summer bulbs soon will be planted in the open garden. This covers the general field of dahlias, gladiolus, tuberose, fancy-leaf caladium, and crinums.

Also, start digging and storing early-flowering bulbs as their foliage begins to yellow. Ranunculus and anemones are about ready now.

Vegetables

Vegetable seeds of such edibles as sweet corn, snapbeans, okra and squash may now be planted. Transplants of tomatoes and sweet peppers may also be set out.

If you don't have space for a vegetable garden, try growing a few vegetables discreetly placed in the flower bed or in containers where they will receive at least six hours of sunlight.

A large container may be planted with a tomato for use on the patio. Support the tomato with stakes or a wire frame. Plant dwarf marigolds at the base of the tomato. The marigolds not only add color and interest, they help to control nematodes to a certain degree.

Herbs

Herbs for seasoning are becoming more popular each year. Most of them don't require much space—many gardeners grow them in

containers. They also make good accent and border plants. Some of the low-growers, such as winter savory and thyme, make good ground covers beneath tall growing shrubs.

Most herbs are easy to grow. Keep in mind that they do their best in full sun. The soil should be well-drained with a good moisture-holding capacity.

Now is a good time to plant seed of parsley, chives, sweet marjoram, basil, winter savory and dill. Many others may be started from seed, but some give quicker and better results if grown from cuttings or divisions. Among these are: sage, thyme, rosemary, oregano, French tarragon and the mints (peppermint, pineapple and orange).

Parsley, winter savory, chives and all herbs started from cuttings are quite hardy. They will survive outside most winters. They do require a light covering of leaves over winter.

Plant Perennials

Set out perennial plants this month so they may have a chance to become well established before hot weather sets in. Consider the garden exposure as to selection of plants for sunny, semi-shaded and heavily-shaded areas. If you don't start perennials from seed, be certain to buy good plants. Cut off any broken or damaged leaves.

When setting out plants, give them a good start with a dose of liquid fertilizer.

In a few years, when perennials become too large and crowded, dig and divide.

Feeding Trees and Shrubs

Now's an excellent time to feed trees and shrubs. By taking care of this task now, you may reap benefits from your plants during months to come.

Trees—Deep-feeding gives best results. Surface feeding often is consumed chiefly by grasses; sometimes tends to bring tree roots to the surface where they may be damaged later by intense heat of summer.

Fertilize trees by making a series of 1½-inch-diameter holes. Make holes about 10 inches deep. Begin holes about three feet from the trunk and extend them just beyond the spread of the branches. Use 1 to 1½ pounds of complete fertilizer (such as 8-8-8) per year of age of tree.

Shrubs—Most shrubs respond well to a general feeding of ¼ pound (about ½ cup) of balanced plant food per square yard of area covered by

plant. Do not permit fertilizer to touch stems or leaves of plants. Distribute fertilizer evenly. If there is a heavy mulch around shrubs, or soil is badly packed, cultivate well.

Azaleas and camellias respond well to two or three light feedings of a balanced food. Special azalea-camellia-rhododendron mix often is used. Fertilize azaleas and camellias just as azalea blooms begin to fade.

Fruit Trees

In order to produce a worm-free fruit, you'll want to spray fruit trees on a strict schedule beginning in early spring.

Check with your local county agricultural agent for the proper time to apply sprays in your area.

"Cauliflower Ear"

Azalea leaf gall causes "cauliflower ear" of azaleas and sasanqua camellias. The leaves become thick and fleshy, with the galls covered in white powdery material.

Although unsightly, the disease is not serious. The best control is to pick and burn.

Keep a Record

Plan to keep a record of your flowers and vegetables this year. Note those flowers that bloom each week in the garden; earliest period that vegetables are ready for harvest.

Next winter, as you plan next year's garden, you'll make good use of such a record.

Hair vs Hare

Rabbits sometimes become pests to gardeners and gardens.

Human hair helps to repel rabbits. Apparently they are frightened by the scent of the human.

Scatter hair clippings throughout the garden. You'll want to place hair clippings at the base of young, tender plants that are especially attractive to rabbits.

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—Hank Smith

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A Legendary Teacher's Lifetime Text: *Care!*

As I sit here pecking away at my trusty Selectric II, amid stacks of false starts and abandoned leads, I can't help thinking that he'd thoroughly enjoy this scene.

If he could appear at my door, he'd probably flash that impish Walter Spearman grin, flick a precarious ash from his cigarette and offer a few comments on my struggle. They'd undoubtedly include a gentle reminder to his former student, echoing his own advice from a "news writing" class in Carolina's "J-School" back in 1961: If you really want to "hook" the reader into the story, you need to come up with a snappy lead.

If he could manage it—and he almost always could—he'd find a way to work in a pun or two. Since I'm writing for electric co-op consumers, he'd quickly find inspiration. It might go something like this: "If you can't be *electrifying*, you could try to make the piece *powerful*! But be careful about its *shock* value!"

I'd groan and he'd laugh, but we'd both relish that shared moment of fun.

We'd visit awhile, catching one another up on news of friends and families. Then, he'd wish me luck and be off like a shot, tie flapping merrily as cigarette ashes trailed behind him.

Bounding down the stairs—he would never have waited for the elevator—he might have chuckled to himself that my self-imposed assignment for this column was proving to be so tough.

Ever since Walter died several weeks ago, a victim of cancer at age 79, I thought I'd write about him in this space, but I didn't want to settle for the easy profile of a colorful North Carolina legend.

He was surely that: the distinguished professor who won all of the University's major teaching awards; the former journalist who had no graduate degrees but nevertheless taught an estimated 5,000 students during his career; the noted author and book reviewer; the editorial writer who often spent his summers as a working newspaperman; the gifted actor and raconteur.

That's the familiar public image, which has been covered often by the state's media. I wanted to write about another image that, sadly, few of you could have known:

- The fun-loving punster who left many of us in awe with his sharp mind, quick wit and whirlwind lifestyle. But his bubbling excitement about writing — about life — would stir even the most awestruck among us.

- The little man who often seemed to be hosting a perpetual open house in his cluttered corner office in Howell Hall, as he somehow always found time to listen to troubled students or to rejoice with them in moments of triumph.

- The trusted counselor who was never too busy to help guide former students through assorted career crises.

As I prepared to write about this Walter Spearman, I searched my memory — various newspaper clippings about him — for a quote or a revealing incident that would quickly convey the essence of the man's marvelous spirit.

I came up with a quote from the master teacher himself, from a speech he'd given in Chapel Hill in 1978. The text was recently reprinted in a Carolina alumni publication as a tribute to Walter.

His theme was the importance of an individual's commitments, whether they might be to "great public causes" or to becoming "the best doctor or lawyer or nuclear physicist you are capable of being."

He said: "If this were to be a 'Last Lecture,' I'd like to wrap it all in a box and, like the boxes we used to send abroad for the starving, write 'care' on it in large letters—C-A-R-E. . . . Care about the world in which you live and the people who live in it with you, even those you have never seen."

Find a cause, make a commitment, get involved, *care!*

That was Walter's principal text in all he taught us: If you're a writer, make it a cause and a commitment — get involved in the stories you write, care about the people whose lives they touch. Whatever path you choose, make a commitment to it with your mind *and* your heart.

If we somehow missed that message in his classroom, as we focused on snappy leads and such, we could see it demonstrated in countless ways: the bounce in his step as he'd lead a class across campus for an impromptu outdoor session on a bright spring morning; his joy in watching two of his students take wedding vows in a quiet little church; the loving hugs he'd give former students when they'd come to call.

"My last words to you as a teacher," he said in that 1978 speech, "are these: I have a belief in you ultimate triumph. And I care. Develop and cultivate and use your mind — but don't sacrifice your heart."

—Owen Bishop

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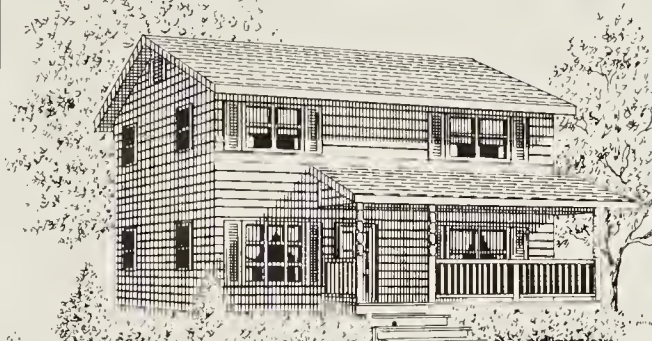
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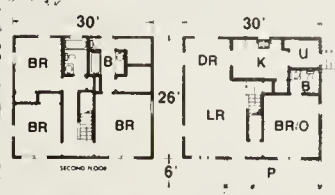
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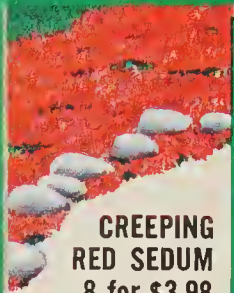
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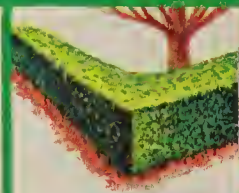
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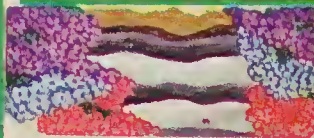
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